

Senate Bill 9

By: Senators Rogers of the 21st, Williams of the 19th, Weber of the 40th, Moody of the 56th, Cowsert of the 46th and others

AS PASSED

AN ACT

To amend Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to teachers and other school personnel, so as to enact the "Grade Integrity Act of 2007"; to provide that no classroom teacher shall be required, coerced, intimidated, or disciplined in any manner to change the grade of a student; to provide for an ethical violation reportable to the Professional Standards Commission; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Grade Integrity Act of 2007."

SECTION 2.

Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to teachers and other school personnel, is amended by inserting at the end thereof a new Part 12 to read as follows:

"Part 12

20-2-989.20.

(a) No classroom teacher shall be required, coerced, intimidated, or disciplined in any manner by the local board of education, superintendent, or any local school administrator to change the grade of a student. This subsection shall not apply when a teacher has failed to comply with grading policies or rules adopted by the local board of education or written procedures established by an individual school that are applicable to the grading process, unless such policy, rule, or procedure would require a student be given a grade different than the actual grade achieved. A violation of this Code section shall constitute an ethics violation reportable to the Professional Standards Commission pursuant to Part 10 of this article.

(b) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prevent a principal or other local school administrator from discussing the grade of a student with a classroom teacher.

(c) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prevent a central office administrator, superintendent, or local school administrator from changing a student's grade. Any grade change made by a person other than the classroom teacher must be clearly indicated in the student's school records and must indicate the person responsible for making such grade change."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.